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Editor's Letter

Here we are at our fourth issue. With twenty-three models and fifteen photographers our last issue was the biggest and most successful to date. We intend to build on that momentum with our November issue as we welcome New York City photographer Ruben Marin and his gorgeous models. In December we will be releasing a Special Edition in the Topless genre. Look out for that models, photographers and fans!

In The Backroom, Raya Tkachenko continues to enhance and fine-tune the magazine's graphic design and we are looking forward to what she has in store for us as we continue to grow.

Our Chief Photographer, Anthony Randall, has four beautiful shoots and is joined by Toronto's Mark Wong as well as Shutter Squeeze Photography who unleashes stunning, Kiwi Sensation, Sophie Burnside as the Cover Model. In addition, Toronto models Kristin Dalziel, Whitney Cole Scheefer, Melissa Ann Keith and Michelle Elizabeth are joined by East Coast bombshell Brandi Gray.

Luke Krom is back with a music review and Q&A that reveals a great story about Mark Pickerel that includes Dave Grohl of the Foo Fighters

Once again, I would like thank our loyal customers and our fast growing social fan base.

Enjoy and remember to contact us with your ideas and submissions.

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The hotel's largest room – ballroom - 'Zurich', located on the first floor with an area of 800m2, can be divided into four sections and can host up to 600 people. The spacious foyer has a spectacular view overlooking the Wine Tower.

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Hometown:
Long Island, NY USA
Age: 22
Profession:
Fire performer, model, actor, dancer and choreographer.

Samantha Errico

Heyy! My name is Samantha. I am 22 years old. Born and raised in Long Island, NY now living in Queens. I absolutely love everything about modeling, I am a natural and very comfortable when in front of the camera. I am looking to further my experience in this industry. Open to most kinds of shoots. I am a lot of fun, determined and will work hard for what I want.

What qualities drive you wild in a man?

Has to be honesty, a sense of humor and drive.

What's your favorite sport?
My favorite sport would have to be basketball
What team?
NY Knicks baby!
What's your favorite movie?
I am a big movie watcher so I do have a lot of favorites, but I love horror, anything with a good scare and a hot chick.
Who's your favorite actor?
Chris Hemsworth, I mean what girl doesn't like a rock hard body
What's your favorite song?
I can't just pick one, I have sooo many. I love music!
Who's your favorite artist?
Depeche Mode
What was your first job?
My first job was working at a pizzeria, I absolutely hated it but, I stayed because I thought one of the pizza boys was soooo hot!!
Do you have any piercings or tattoos?
How many and where? I have four tattoos, one on my wrist, behind my ear, my ribs & then one on my lower back... only have my ears pierced
What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
Hmmm, ive heard so many different pick up lines. Not so memorable though, all ended up with me laughing and walking away.

What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?
Never hooked up anywhere unusual but the most awkward was in my moms bed… She wasn't to thrilled when she came home to a broken bed, made up a good lie for that one.SHHH don't tell her..

What's one thing you think all men should know?
Treat women how they would want their daughters to be treated. Don't lie or cheat.

What's your idea of the perfect date?
My perfect date would be to stay in, order out & then make out and see where that leads too.

How do we win your heart?
Just be sweet, honest and silly….ohh and have a beard, a good beard is key!

On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
Either working or out getting drinks with the girls!

If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
Hmmm, id have to say Mark Wahlberg.

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
I feel most comfortable in a pair of leggings and a big t-shirt.

How did you get started modeling?
I always wanted to model ever since I was a little girl and finally I had the chance to shoot with someone amazing

and I took it, I from there knew right away this was my passion.

Who is your favorite model?

My favorite model is Emily Ratajkowski, she is an absolute goddess

Do you have a favorite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?

My favorite BTS from a photo shoot would have to be when I did a shoot on the beach and I had my pants down to the end of my butt, cupping it upwards, and I didn't realize I had a whole crowd of people behind me, cops, fire fighters…..I sure made their day !!

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?

I am most focused on getting certified in medical assisting, it is so hard and takes up most of my time but I know ill get there soon !

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?

They would be surprised to know that I am so incredibly scared of spiders…EWW!! I will not enter a room if there is a spider in it, I make the person I'm with check the entire room before entering.

When do you feel sexiest?

I feel sexiest when I'm in the bedroom with my man. Wink wink.

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?

Always my eyes, they are two different colors which is super unique

Brandi Gray

Photographer: Anthony Randall

I'm a quirky tomboy who loves being in front of the camera and who is always up for a good challenge. I love being busy, keeping active, and getting into mischief. Most days I can be found buried in an academic journal and working on my Master's Degree, and when I'm not researching I'm keeping active. I love being outdoors and trying new activities, and I'm usually the first to volunteer for adventures. I started modeling in Toronto when I was sixteen and since

Hometown:
Fredericton, NB Canada
Age: 24
Profession:
Research Assistant

then have been published in a handful of magazines including Geek Fantasy, ModelzView, and Inside Fitness Magazine, as well as a number of calendars. In addition to my modeling publications I'm nationally recognized by the Canadian Sociological Association for my research, and I channel my energy into my day job working with Non-Profit groups. Overall, I'm an intelligent goofball with a passion for learning and zest for life!

What's your favorite sport?
That's really hard to say! It's a real toss-up between archery and running. I love archery as it calms me down and I can clear my mind pretty easily. Running I love as I can see my progress clearly and can set bigger goals. Like any Canadian though, I definitely keep an eye on hockey.

What team?
I'm originally from Toronto, and like any dedicated Torontonian I'm a solid Leafs fan. It doesn't matter that they haven't won since the stone-age, I'll still rock my blue and white.

What's your favorite movie?
Any and all comedies. I can quote them like there's no tomorrow. The Other Guys is probably my favorite movie of all time… there isn't a part of that movie I don't love!

What's your favorite TV Show?
Top gear and Parks and Recreation!! They're so ridiculously funny. Blue Mountain State was the show of my summer though, and I can't wait for the BMS movie.

What's your favorite book?
I'd have to say Oryx and Crake by Margaret Atwood. I had to read it in high school for an assignment, but I've read it about fifteen times since then. Every time I read it I pick up on another underlying theme and it blows my mind.

What's your favorite song?
This changes daily! Right now it's "Angel on Fire" by Antony & the Johnstons, which talks about the way your heart can consume and destroy you. I love listening to anything with lyrics that can get me thinking, but I also reeeeallly like heavy bass. The bass should shake the Jeep while I'm driving.

Who's your favorite artist?
Mike Mitchell. My other half showed me one of his little "skully" characters and I was hooked. He's got all kinds of fantastic pop art and some pretty cool comic art that I like. I'd love to get some of his stuff for my place!

What was your first job?
My first-ever job was picking beans on an organic farm in Ontario. I used to spend every summer with family outside Stratford and I can still remember picking from a never-ending row of beans. It's crazy how excited I was after making $40 for a full day's work.

Do you have any piercings or tattoos?

How many and where? I don't have any tattoos as of yet (though I have plans for my first one soon!), but I do have two piercings at the moment (my tragus and an industrial). I used to have my eyebrow and labret pierced but I took them out when I started modeling. Luckily the scars closed over!

What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?

I'm actually not sure! I don't specifically remember any pickup lines per se, just a lot of "You're beautiful girl" with awkward hand-grasping. Does that mean I've been lucky? I'm not sure. I think if I heard a crazy memorable pick-up I'd be pretty happy.

When do you feel sexiest?

When I work out. I love working out and feeling strong, and even though I'm completely gross I feel like a super-hottie at the gym.

What's one thing you think all men should know?
Not all girls are girly, and not all girls want you to buy them the world. Be yourself and you'll find someone who is happy with you, not your wallet. Also, a crazy chick will always be a crazy chick.

What qualities drive you wild in a man?
Confidence and wit. I'm super sarcastic and have the oddest sense of humor, so I love interacting with people who are quick witted and who can keep banter going. Confidence is a must for me as well. I'm a super-confident and independent person, and I really can't be with someone who feels threatened by that.

What's your idea of the perfect date?
Something spontaneous that I haven't done before. I'm a bit of a wild-child and am rough-and-tumble, so anything that is new makes me happy. I can't do standard dinner-movie dates, they make me uncomfortable because they're too scripted. The best time I had was going tree-climbing! It's a date I'll never forget.

How do we win your heart?

Cheese. I'm 100% serious. I don't eat it often anymore because I follow a pretty strict meal plan, but cheese is my favorite food in the whole world.

On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
Studying! Hahaha, just kidding. Most Saturdays I'm either out and about with friends, in front of the camera, or at home reading a book. I love my bubble baths and Saturdays are great evenings for those as there are no interruptions. I have a fantastic bathtub and can sit in there for hours, especially when I remember to bring chocolate with me!

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?

My eyes. Everyone comments on my eyes and they really like to work for the camera. I find it funny that people love them so much because I'm blind as a bat! I have terrible vision, but they look great.

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?

Yoga pants and a sports bra, hands-down. If I'm at home I'm definitely getting rid of my shirt and am putting on some comfy pants. I'm not sure what it is about shirts, but I don't generally find them comfortable.

How did you get started modeling?

It's a funny story actually! It started as a drunk bet. One of my best friends in high school bet $50 that I wouldn't get a callback if I submitted photos to an agency. I submitted them that night to Sutherland Models and was signed the next day! I was also $50 richer.

Who is your favorite model?
It would have to be Ellie Gonsalves. I've followed her blog and social media for quite a while and she's definitely one of the most inspiring models out there. It's so helpful that she shares her beauty secrets and her meal plans… it's made it much easier for me to stick to mine.

Do you have a favorite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?
I don't have a favorite story from any one in particular, but I DO have a tendency to be mistaken for the hair/make-up artist/designer/assistant/random person when I show up at a shoot. I think people don't expect me to show up to shoot in a leather jacket in a massive Jeep with the bass blaring :P. Strange, right?

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?

By far my biggest focus is school. I'm currently working on my Masters' Degree and it's my first priority. I don't shoot during exams, I don't work unless I've finished my papers, and I definitely don't travel if I'm going to miss important classes. I'm a straight-A student and I plan to stay that way. When I'm not studying I'm busy working on my Jeep, painting, or out in the garden.

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?

I swear like a sailor! People really don't expect it after seeing my photos or reading my papers and it catches them off guard. I spent a lot of time growing up around "tough people" and I think it rubbed off on me. I've been trying to curb my language though! So far it's been f**king successful. :P

Devon Alexandra

Photographer: Mark Wong

How do we win your heart?
Chocolate always does the trick :)

Kelly Elizabeth

Photographer: Chad Graber

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
Lately I've been rocking a lot of flowy skirts and tanks. Bras are not a thing unless I'm shooting. When I have a boyfriend usually one of their shirts if I'm just around the house.

Kristin Dalziel

Photographer: Anthony Randall

Hometown:
Huntsville, ON Canada
Age: 24
Profession:
Personal Trainer/Actress
/Musician

I'm spontaneous, fun, loving, adventurous and driven. I grew up in a small cottage-country town in the Muskokas called Huntsville and now live in the big city of Toronto. I play keys and sing in an indie rock band called LadyFace with 4 super rad dudes. I graduated from a triple threat music theatre post secondary program (singing/acting/dancing) and, by day, I'm a full-time personal trainer.

What's your favorite sport?
That's not even a fair question! I enjoy going to baseball games the most if I had to choose! However my ABSOLUTE favourite is equestrian.

What team?
Toronto Blue Jays

What's your favorite movie?
Forgetting Sarah Marshall, Fightclub and Jurassic Park.

Who's your favorite actor?
Talent crush goes to Joaquin Phoenix.

What's your favorite song?
Recently fell in love all over again with John Mayer's version of "Free Falling".

Who's your favorite artist?
Salvador Dali.

What was your first job?
Teaching baby ballet, tap and jazz! Also retail at a store called Ricki's/ Bootlegger.

Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
No tats! (If I get one, I'll end up covered. I think they're super sexy) I have 7 piercings: ears, 2 cartilage on my right side, nose, belly button, septum and my tongue – though I rarely have it in anymore.

What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
Oh wow…..definitely a few weeks ago "You made my dong move!!!" This is closely seconded by "Nice abs. Now lets skip to the part where you give me your phone number and we start the seduction process"

What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?
MOM LOOK AWAY – in the woods. Tree bark is not friendly.

What's one thing you think all men should know?
Girls rarely play games if they're interested.

What qualities drive you wild in a man?
Sense of adventure and sense of humour.

What's your idea of the perfect date?
A random day road trip with no specific destination!

How do we win your heart?
Keep me on my toes, never settle and always be ready for an adventure.

On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
Playing a gig with my band LadyFace

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
Classy? My eyes. Trashy? My butt.

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
Either ripped up jeans and an oversized tank or a maxi dress.

When do you feel sexiest?
In knee high socks, a thong and a sexy man's t-shirt

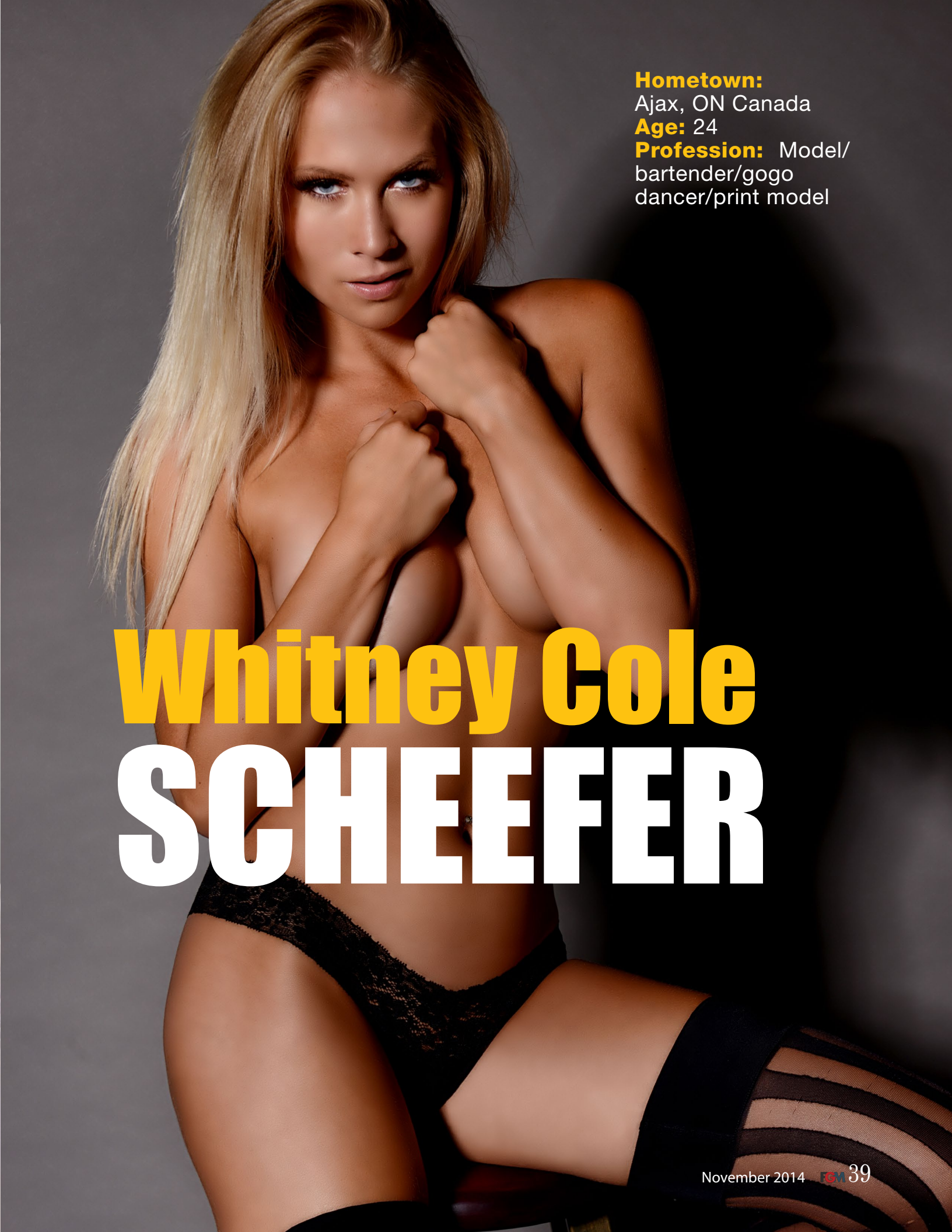
How did you get started modeling?
A local photographer asked if I'd ever considered it. Not long after we shot together.

Who is your favorite model?
Picking one favourite out of all the insanely beautiful and talented ladies out there is impossible! I have, however, always had a serious girl crush on Marissa Miller.

Do you have a favorite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?
While working with a good photographer friend of mine, Justin Robinson, I thought it would be fun to take some of the cookies that our friend had brought on set and use them as pasties for a few shots. It turned in to a full blown shoot for our friends cookie company (The Simply Oatmeal) and thus the "cookini" was born

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?
Training, gigging with my band LadyFace and starting my own business.

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?
I am absolutely terrified to walk on any type of grate on the street.



Hometown: Ajax, ON Canada
Age: 24
Profession: Model/ bartender/gogo dancer/print model

Whitney Cole SCHEEFER

What's your favorite sport? What team?
I always go for our home teams. So the Maple leafs and Blue Jays. Always got to support your roots/ home country.

What's your favorite movie?
The modernized version of Romeo and Juliet. I always liked Shakespeare and I loved how they were able to take such an old time setting and bring it to todays date. I also love Leonardo DiCaprio.

Who's your favorite actor?
Leonardo Dicaprio. That man can do any accent.

What's your favorite song?
Closer by Nine Inch Nails. Sexiest song ever written.

Who's your favorite artist?
Trent Reznor. That man is the Mozart of Rock and Industrial. I am so obsessed with the creations of Trent Reznor, if I never heard another artist I wouldn't care. His styling of music DEFINES what my ears crave. Whether he is on electric guitar or singing playing the piano, he gives me goosebumps.

What was your first job?
Hostess at Kelsey's

Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
I have a few in my ears and a couple hidden ;)

What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
I would climb a mountain breathing nothing but Snooki's farts if it gave me the chance to ask you on a date.

What's one thing you think all men should know?
Confidence is sexier that you could ever know. And never try and approach a girl at a club by attaching your front to her backside when she has no idea. Creepy.

What qualities drive you wild in a man?
Confidence, ruggedness (facial hair no clean shaven), strength, and knowing how to treat a woman. Nothing is sexier than a King knowing how to treat his Queen. And Vice versa of course.

What's your idea of the perfect date?
Rock concert, or going to an aquarium. I love aquariums.

How do we win your heart?
Tell me you love animals, adopt cats, listen to Nine Inch Nails, and have read Harry Potter.

On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
I am go-go dancing somewhere, or perhaps bartending until 2am. Then I go out and meet up with my friends to dance to tech house and house music at some of Toronto's underground spots until the sun comes up. There is nothing I enjoy more than dancing and making art with my body.

If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
Kurt Cobain. Maybe I could find out a few secrets too. . .

What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?

Men's washroom.

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
My signature freckle on my lower lip.

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
If any girl says anything other than sweatpants and a big comfy sweater they're lying.

When do you feel sexiest?
When I am free-style go-go dancing to my favorite types of music.

How did you get started modeling?
When I was 16 everyone kept commenting how photogenic I was, and the guy I was dating at the time worked for a photographer, and he got me a shoot. I put my photos online and started networking and it took off from there.

Who is your favorite model?
Because of the huge lack of famous models or new ones for that fact, I choose myself. I try and be original while most other models I know seem to be all the same. Most models I know have a goal of getting into playboy for free and spending all their money on transforming their faces. I want to use my modelling to show young women its ok to be weird and different, and to always keep your class and to never ever be afraid to speak your mind. I want to tear down the idealistic of the soft spoken, polite, passive female model, and put some more outspoken, opinionated and perhaps offensive models out there. Life is too short not to speak your mind and stand out amongst the norm.

Do you have a favorite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?

One time I was shooting a calendar across the Caribbean via cruise ship. We stopped in the rainforest of Dominica to do a set. While I was posing bare foot next to a tropical tree, some sort of tropical ant bit the bottom of my foot. The next thing you know I was overcome with searing pain, and it was not subsiding. 5 minutes pass and the pain still does not go down, and I am fighting tears back, trying not to ruin my makeup. Finally after about 15 minutes the pain disappeared as quickly as it came. I was so happy when it stopped, thinking it was going to go on for hours at that point.

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?

I am trying to go into acting somewhat. Well not really acting but acting projects. I was originally always into acting and somehow ended up modelling. I recently shot my first commercial for dateline so I can't wait for that to come out. I love to speak and act on camera and want to get my personality out there, because everyone tells me I have a TV personality. I almost got onto Big Brother last year and I will be trying every year. I also want to finally get my Youtube channel together. I want it to have a ton of funny videos, opinions, rants. . . etc. My sister is already Youtube famous for her "Burping" so I want to compliment her channel with some of my own craziness.

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?
I'm not just looks but brains as well. I went to Humber College for Paralegal and graduated with honors. I went on to get my P1 license as well so I could technically start practicing law at any point which I intend to do once I'm ready to move on from modelling.

COVER GIRL

Sophie Burnside

Photographer: Shutter Squeeze Photography

I am a New Zealand based Glamour Model who has been in the industry now for three years and absolutely love it! I grew up on a farm but realised I am more of a city slicker so moved to the big smoke a few years back. I love dressing up for shoots and feeling sexy.

Hometown: Auckland, New Zealand
Age: 25
Profession: Model

What's your favorite sport?
Rugby
What team?
All Blacks
What's your favorite movie?
Ted
Who's your favorite actor?
Channing Tatum
What's your favorite song?
I fink you freeky
Who's your favorite artist?
Die Antwoord
What was your first job?
Waitress

Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
I have pierced ears and a back piece.

What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
No good ones, just lots of bad ones!

What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?
That would be telling!

What's one thing you think all men should know?
Don't talk about your ex-girlfriend, ever.

What qualities drive you wild in a man?
Confidence

What's your idea of the perfect date?
Something fun and adventurous like river rafting followed by a nice intimate meal.

How do we win your heart?
By being a gentleman.

On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
Watching movies with my gfs.

If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
Matthew Mcconaughey! Not only is he gorgeous but seems like he would be a lot of fun.

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
My eyes and butt.

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
Lingerie

When do you feel sexiest?
Just before a shoot when I am all made up.

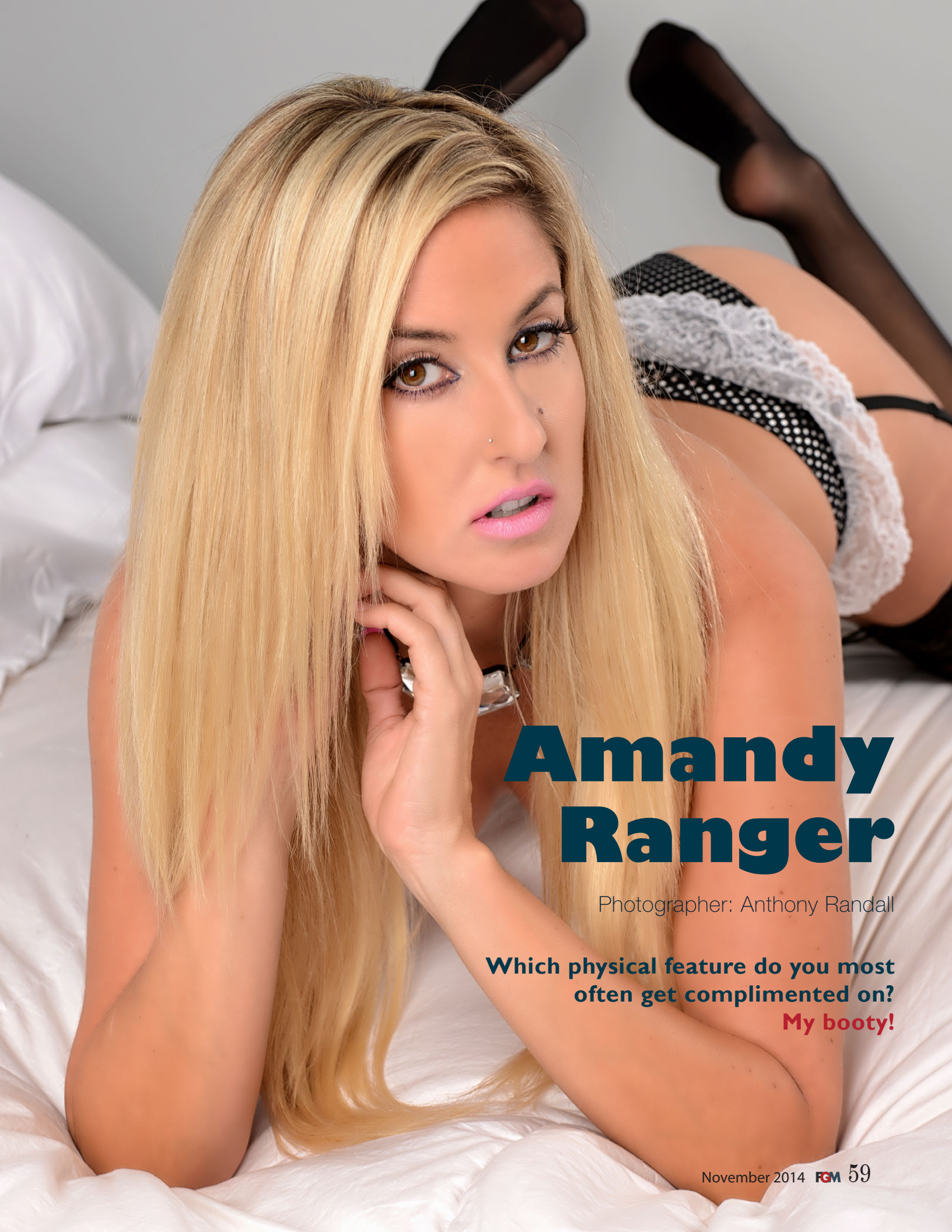
How did you get started modeling?
I got asked to enter a bikini comp and it all went from there.

Who is your favorite model?
Cara Delevingne

Do you have a favorite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?
I was shooting one night in the middle of Auckland City and got propositioned by a woman who had just got out of jail.

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?
Health and fitness.

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?
That I am a natural blonde.



Amandy Ranger

Photographer: Anthony Randall

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
My booty!

In this month's Music File, I have the distinct honour of profiling, Mark Pickerel, an artist with a quite extensive and somewhat unusual career path and a musician for whom I have a great respect.

Mark was the original drummer and founding member of the band Screaming Trees who formed in the mid-eighties in the small eastern Washington town of Ellensburg. They were a heavy yet psychedelic band very reminiscent of that esoteric underground 60's sound with a more modern edge. Screaming Trees were responsible for their fair share of what became known to outsiders as, the "Seattle Sound" (and that other word) which became a prevalent influence in many non-Seattle bands throughout the '90s.

After six album tenure with the Trees, Mark teamed up with Soundgarden original bassist, Hiro Yamamoto and Rob Roth in '91 to form Truly who put out a few critically acclaimed releases between '91 and '97. Such as, the 'Heart and Lungs' EP and 'Fast Stories...of Kid Coma' which recently came in #3 on Alternative Nation's 'Most Underrated Alternative Albums of the 90s'. My band in '91 Unearth has the pleasure of sharing a mutual friend's living room as a rehearsal space. Sometimes we'd be breaking down as they were setting up and me and my mates would be outside having a smoke and listening to hammer out this tasteful blend of heavy and lush sounds and wonder "Why haven't these guys blown up yet?"

Pickerel has recorded tracks with such prominent musicians as, Nirvana's Krist Novoselic and Kurt Co-

bain and former Trees bandmate, Mark Lanegan on the Lead Belly cover 'Where Did You Sleep Last Night?' which was featured on Lanegan's first solo album. He has also done session work with notables like, Neko Case, Steve Fisk, Jim Carroll and Pigeonhead

Mark is a multi-talented musician and in 1999 he stepped out from behind the drums to exercise those other facets with his first solo endeavor The Dark Fantastic where he took on guitar, vocal and percussion duties for a '99 self-titled release and 2001's 'Goodbye Crooked Scar'. In 2004 he began collaboration on his most recent musical love-child with the namesake, Mark Pickerel & His Praying Hands with their 2006 debut release of 'Snake In The Radio'. This is dark horse Amercana alt-rock at its finest. It's like listening to a David Lynch film in many ways, as a matter of fact, a Lynch directed video would be the perfect audio/visual cocktail. With two more additional releases – 'Cody's Dream' (2009) and most recently 'Tess' 92013) I'm positive we have not heard the last of Mr. Pickerel's sonic offerings. If you have not pleasured your ear holes with any of the aforementioned, I highly suggest you indulge yourself in any or all of these audio delights. Be sure to catch Mark Pickerell & His Praying Hands performing on Dave Grohl's new HBO series Sonic Highways.

On The Record

I recently had the opportunity for some e-Q&A with Mark and ask some hard-hitting, fact probing...thought provoking....okay, they're just casual yet interesting questions. Here are the results.

How old were you when you realised you absolutely had to do music and what major influence(s) jump-started that drive?

Well the first artists that I remember having a real emotional response or reaction to were Creedence Clearwater, The Beatles and Elton John. Now I was only around 4 or 5 years old so at the time I had no concept of how any of this music was created, it was probably a couple of years later when I discovered Kiss,who's visual dimension and who's televised performances had the kind of impact on my young and impressionable mind that launched an all out obsession with music and inspired a devotion to become associated with music in any way, shape or form. Around the age of nine or ten I was at a friends house who's older brother who was in the high school marching band had a snare drum set up in the living room, after gaining permission to give it a few whacks, I was hooked. I signed up for school band the next year and picked drums as my instrument, partly due to my experience with the snare drum but also because it was the only instrument listed as an option that I'd ever known to be associated with rock and roll besides the sax, but there was no sax in KISS so the choice was obvious!

So, you're mostly known for being a solid but fluid drummer; when did you venture into singing, song writing and guitar?

In my mid twenties, I was growing frustrated with the "profession" of drumming, I still had love for the craft but it became clear to me that as a drummer, you are almost always in a submissive or supportive position to someone else's goals, work ethic, schedule, changing vision etc. The lack of control over my own career path was becoming really frustrating and I was also saddened and discouraged by the amount of drug use that I was witnessing all around me and the destruction and in some cases, death that it was causing, this was hitting me on a couple of different levels. On one hand, I was so sad and angry to see the creative people who I loved around me falling victim to addiction and I could also see that as a drummer who was dependent on these same individuals to keep me active and working, I was going to have to become self sufficient and that meant learning to play guitar and to sing out of necessity. I quickly discovered that I loved the process and how it allowed for so much more growth and self discovery than playing the drums did. I now depend on the creative process the same way some depend on meditation, yoga, prayer or DRUGS!

I'm almost positive there has to be quite the list but, spanning your entire music career, what's on a short list of most memorable moments and/or performances?

Here's a couple of memories from various tours.

Having to clean what seemed like a gallon of fake blood off my drums after the Screaming Trees shared a stage with Gwar on Halloween in NYC back in the late 80's

I remember having to pull Peter Buck off of a pile of guys who were all beating up on ONE guy in Toronto after I'd opened up for Robyn Hitchcock and The Venus 3, Peter jumped in to try and protect someone who got jumped by a bunch of hoods, Peter kept yelling "It's not a fair fight!" I remember thinking how none of these guys will ever even know that the guitar player from R.E.M. just broke up their fight!

I remember how Van Conner of The Screaming Trees used to love to torment his older brother Gary Lee during long drives by constantly lighting single hairs of his on fire from the seat behind him, just to keep things interesting and entertaining for the rest of us.

I remember working on Truly recordings when the last big earthquake rocked Seattle.

And of course I'm proud and honored just to have shared the stage with so many amaz-

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ing bands, Nirvana, Soundgarden, Neko Case, Meat Puppets, X, Dinosaur Jr, Ray Davies, The Sonics, Mudhoney, The Yeah Yeah Yeah's, Alex Chilton, Brandi Carlile, Robyn Hitchcock, Stan Ridgeway as well as countless others.

Growing up we all had one, who was your first TV star crush?

Catwoman, and I wish I could say that it was Eartha Kitt as Catwoman that dominated my dreams because now that I'm much older, I recognize how beautiful and talented she was on so many different levels but I'm afraid it was Julie Newmar who also starred in the original Batman series of the 1960's who stole my heart at such a young age.

FGM: Mine were Elizabeth Montgomery (Samantha from Bewitched) and Dawn Wells (Marianne from Gilligan's Island) and Muareen McCormick (Marcia from The Brady Bunch)

Being a man of many talents, have you ever considered doing the crossover thing into some film roles?

I have done a little bit of acting and have enjoyed it, I even had a role in a play a couple of years back that also starred Jeff Fielder of Mark Lanegan's band. I'm open to more acting should the door open to any interesting opportunities.

I hear people constantly say that I should appear in a David Lynch film and they say that about my music almost as often, I'm inclined to agree !

I hear he's back in this neck of the woods, working on new episodes of Twin Peaks.

I relate to much of his work , Lynch is from Spokane and I often feel that his films reflect a certain something that conjure up many of my own feelings associated with Eastern Washington and it's people and terrain.

This one's a stumper – can you think of a more versatile celebratory food than cake?

Jello Shots ?

FGM: Good answer but a jello shot cake is better. Told you it was a stumper.

This being a primarily a Canadian publication, I must ask – favourite Canadian artists/ bands?

April Wine and Rush were two bands that spent as much time in my cassette Walkman as any other artists during my youth and to this day I am in awe of their talents and impressive catalogs.

Currently I think The Sadies are about as amazing any band out there. I also like The New Pornographers (I did some time in Neko's band with Carl Newman and am very fond of him and his talents)

I like Feist an awful lot.

And let's not forget Terry Jacks and The Poppy Family

As a songwriter and audiophile myself, this is one I am personally interested in and others may be, as well; what is currently in rotation on the turntable at the Pickerel home?

This is a difficult one to answer, I think I'll take a look through this stack of records that I just brought back from a little DJ session that I did before my own show the other night, here ya go: Desmond Dekker, Captain Beefheart, Love, Charlie Rich, Link Wray, The Shadows, The Sonics, Lee Hazlewood, The Who, The Rolling Stones, Neil Diamond, The Kinks, The Zombies, Serge Gainsbourg, Zelda, Dusty Springfield, The Shangri-Las, 13th Floor Elevators ..

That's not to say that I'm totally stuck in the 60's ! I do like several modern bands, La Luz, Foxygen, The Crayon Fields, The Moon Duo, Ty Segall .. I could go on and on

What other career would like to do or maybe would have done had it not been music?

I would have loved to have gone in to art and design, still a huge interest of mine, my dad is an accomplished artist and illustrator and passed some of his skills down to me but I became so distracted with music, touring and writing at a young age and just never found the time to revisit other interests with enough focus to do anything very useful with them.

My dad did the illustrations for two of the last Praying Hands releases (Snake In The Radio and Cody's Dream)

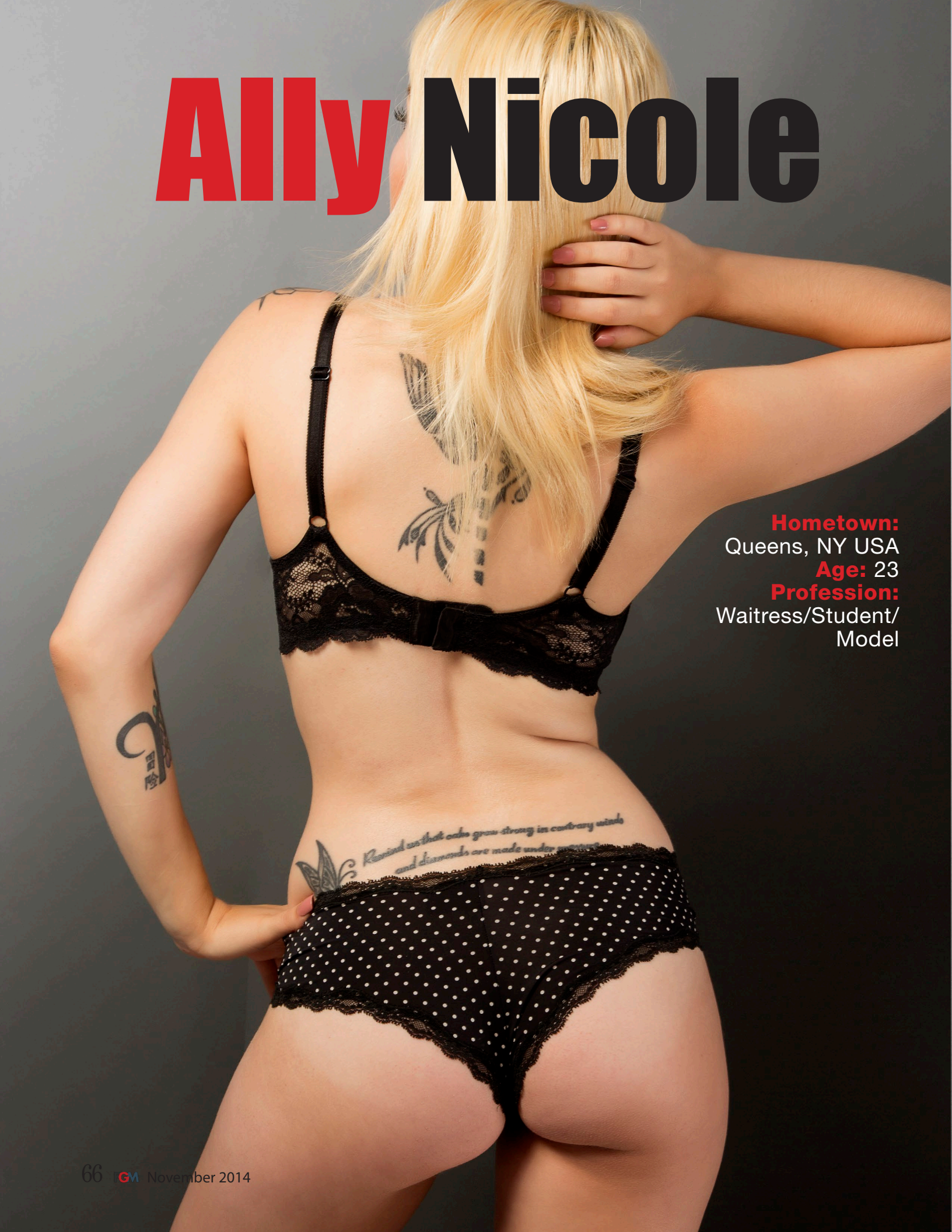
Finally, what is your ultimate musical objective?

To continue getting lost in the music and in the creative process and to make that my priority above any career pursuits or aspirations !

Luke Krom

Luke Krom is a high school drop-out and lifelong snarky bastard. He's been a freelance writer for close to 10 years and a professional muscian/ singer/songwriter for 25 years. Keep an ear out for his current illegitimate brainchild - Dirty Malkovich.

Ally Nicole



Hometown: Queens, NY USA
Age: 23
Profession: Waitress/Student/Model

My name is Ally, I'm Italian and Irish and consider myself a fun-loving, adventurous, passionate, but laidback and sensitive girl at heart. I've been modeling since I was 15 years old and I hope to continue to do so for as long as I can! I wear many hats aside from modeling, including being a waitress, bartender, student, photo retoucher, and volunteer for local charities. Deep down though, I'm just a wacky homebody who wants to relax in my PJ's and play video games all day, every day! I LOVE animals and currently have 3 dogs. I also love to travel and my biggest desire is to see the world!

What's your favorite sport?
I'm honestly not a big sports fan (sorry guys!), but I do get VERY into Soccer when it's on.

What team?
U.S. and Chile (my second home)!

What's your favorite movie?
Oh there's way too many! Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter, Kill Bill, The Dark Knight… and of course my soft side loves Ever After and The Notebook!

Who's your favorite actor?
This is a tough one… Robert Downey Jr. is definitely up there, Chris Hemsworth, too. I just don't know honestly!

What's your favorite song?
Currently I'm obsessed with "All About That Bass" by Meghan Trainor, but picking an all-time favorite would be way too difficult!

Who's your favorite artist?
My heart will always have a special place for Britney ;)

What was your first job?
My first job was as a Hooters Girl!

When do you feel sexiest?
When I'm alone with my guy ;)

Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
I have 8 tattoos at the moment – 2 on my back, 3 on my arms, one each on my thigh and foot, and my shoulder piece! The only piercing I have is a belly ring.

What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
I once had a customer leave his phone number on his receipt along with "Good job with the squats." I was laughing all night!

What's one thing you think all men should know?
The little things matter the most! Most girls don't need fancy things… surprise us with flowers at work, plan cute personal dates you know we'd enjoy, etc.!

What qualities drive you wild in a man?
I love a guy who can make me laugh. I also love someone who is protective of us, adventurous, open-minded and intelligent… being a little nerdy always helps, too!

What's your idea of the perfect date?
Something non-typical… like rock climbing or canoeing, or anything involving animals!

How do we win your heart?
My heart is not so easily won over… but making me mac & cheese and playing video games with me is a good start haha.

On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
I've usually just gotten home from work and am spending the night in my PJ's playing games or watching anime with the boyfriend!

If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
Emma Watson, Emma Stone or Jennifer Lawrence! Yes, all my choices are girls lol!

Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
My eyes!

What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
I'm most comfortable in over-sized sweaters or T-shirts and dresses… I love anything soft, loose and flowy, and I'm always trying to steal my boyfriends' shirts to lounge around the house in! Also, I'm a huge sucker for sexy lingerie… but, those are for special occasions of course! ;)

How did you get started modeling?
I started when I was 15 years old by just working hard and doing things for myself. I realized that at my height, modeling would not be easy to get into, so I worked with a local charity organization to start a modeling program for young girls who don't fit the modeling standards! It was a great way to give myself, and other girls like me, some experience in the industry, and I just went from there!

Who is your favorite model?
Right now I'd have to say Cara Delevingne, Kendall Jenner and Candice Swanepoel.

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?
Right now I'm really trying to focus on school… I'm currently studying Game Design and am hoping to do a semester or two in Cali. I'm also trying to work hard and save up money so I can travel more!

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?
The two things people always find most surprising about me is that I'm a huge nerd deep down, because I'm also a huge girly-girl at the same time! Also, my relationship is currently long distance and we've been 5000 miles apart for 3 years now (it gives me an excuse to travel lots though!)

Aubrey Skyy

Photographer: Dan Hil

What's your idea of the perfect date?
On a romantic Island full of rose petals, stars in the night sky, and a lot of sweet words. :)

Hometown:
Hinton, WV USA
Age:
25
Profession:
Model, Personal Trainer.

Well hey there, my name is Melissa Keith but most people call me Mel. I am eighteen years old and I was born in Mississauga, Ontario. I am now living in Georgetown, Ontario. I have been living here ever since I was five years old. I am very new to the modelling industry because I have only been modelling for six months now. I have always been the tom girl type because I grew up with having two older brothers so yes I am the baby; but now I'm the girly type because I love doing my hair and makeup. I just recently graduated and got my high school diploma. I am wanting to enroll in college for business and also makeup school so that maybe one day I can become a makeup artist as well as a model. Modelling is my passion, I would like to be a role model to someone who has the same ambitions and goals that I have and bring something different to the industry.

Hometown:
Mississauga, ON Canada.
Age: 18
Profession: Working part-time for a cleaning service.

Melissa Ann KEITH

Photographer: Mark Wong

What's your favorite sport?
Basketball
What team?
Raptors
What's your favorite movie?
The Notebook
Who's your favorite actor?
Paul Walker; RIP :(
What's your favorite song?
So many to pick from, I can't just pick one :O
Who's your favorite artist?
Right now I would have to say Eminem
What was your first job?
Newspaper girl carrier

Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
12 piercings and 5 tattoos. 10 piercings on my ears, I also have my belly button and left nipple pierced. Tattoos: One behind my ear, one on my collar bone, one on my thigh, one on my wrist and one of my ribs.
What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
Him: "Do you have a pack of cards?" Me: "Why?" Him: "If you played your cards right, baby, you could take me home tonight."
What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?
In a forest in pure daylight ;)

What's one thing you think all men should know?
The smartest thing a woman can ever learn, is to never need a man.
What qualities drive you wild in a man?
Eyes & smile
What's your idea of the perfect date?
If a guy texts me telling me to look out my front door and I find a beautiful dress and jewelry and a note that says "be ready at 7:00p.m, I'm taking you out tonight, it's a surprise." That's definitely my idea of a perfect date. Not knowing where you two are going and letting the guy plan the date.

How do we win your heart?
Take me to the Mandarin, you will 100% win my heart.
On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
Watching Netflix or out with my boyfriend.
If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
Jacob Hoggard ... Dayum ;)
Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
My eyes
What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
Guy boxers with no shirt ;)
When do you feel sexiest?
When I have accomplished something.
How did you get started modeling?
I've wanted to become a model ever since I was 5 years old. 6 months ago I had my very first photoshoot. I got started because of all the other models out there. I want to become something big one day just like the other models.
Who is your favorite model?
Megan Powell. Ever since I started modelling she has been the one to inspire me, she is my number one role model.

Let your beauty unfold

Do you have a favorite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?
I have a couple of favourite stories but I think I would rather keep those stories to myself. They are truly funny and dirty so they have to be kept a secret, hehe ;)

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?
I am focusing on work. I clean houses part time.

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?
I'm a black belt in Karate ;)

Let your beau

Cecilia Denice

Photographer: Katie Cotton

What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?
"Do you have a Band Aid? Because I scraped my knee falling for you." He was dead serious while asking me, too.

THE COWARDICE of Climate Change Denialism

More than 300,000 people turned out the People's Climate March on September 20, aimed at mobilizing people to demand action on climate change. The march was the largest event ever raising awareness and calling for serious policy changes in order to prevent the worst effects of man-made climate change. People from all over the country attended, demonstrating that there is a genuine and passionate concern about the issue.

In some corners, anyway.

I endeavored to avoid the commentary from the denialists that I knew would accompany the march would engender. Climate change denialists are a deranged bunch. It doesn't suffice for them to deny that the planet has warmed, and continues to warm, considerably since the Industrial Revolution, thanks to our burning of fossil fuels and our pumping of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. Theirs is not a casual denialism. It's not merely that they're shrugging their shoulders and denying the problem then going about their lives. No, they are apoplectically angry at the very idea of anthropogenic climate change and the people who acknowledge that it's a reality. I have frequently seen comparisons to the scene in "Eric the Viking" where Hy-Brasil is sinking, and Eric and others are trying to warn people of the dangers. The denizens in Hy-Brasil deny that anything is amiss, even as they descend below the waves.

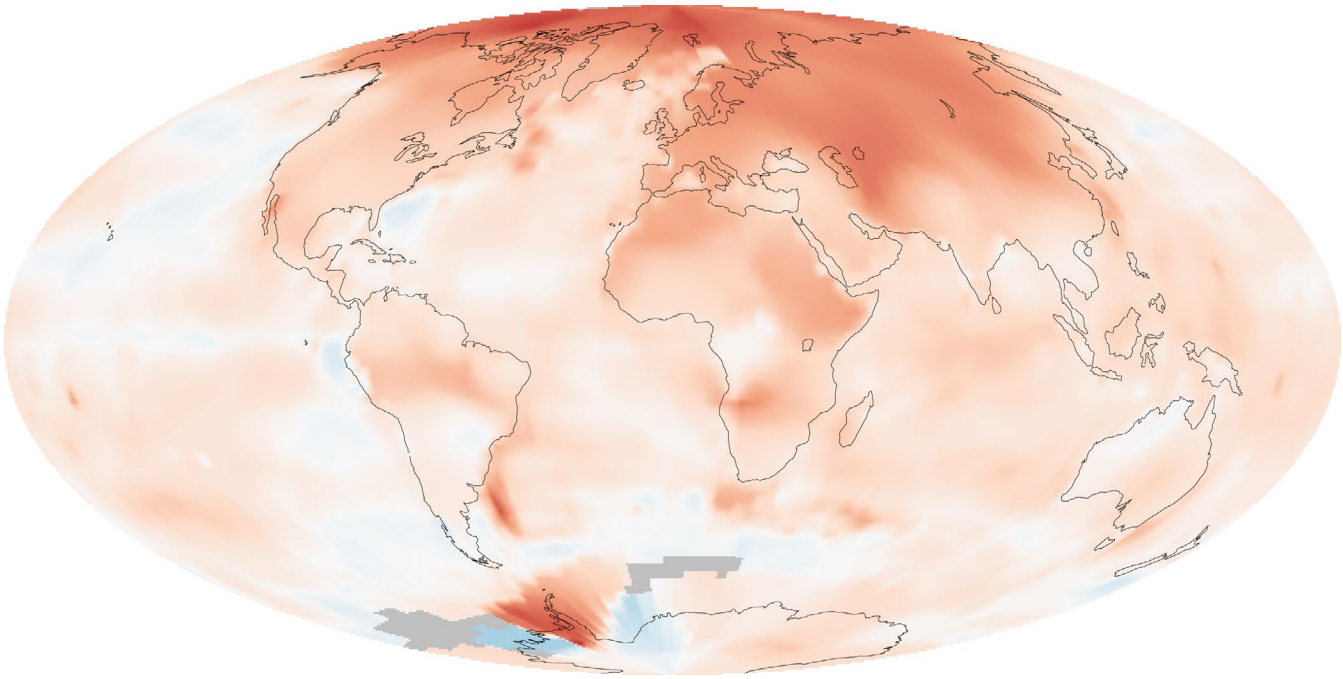
It's not a very good analogy. In contrast to the citizens of Hy-Brasil, who chuckle and dismiss the notion of any danger, denialists become enraged when anyone talks about climate change. For the analogy to work, the denizens of Hy-Brasil would have had to scream that the people warning them of the danger are "hippy faggots" or "social justice warriors" (a term popular among deranged fuckwits for people who aren't as sociopathic as themselves). That is their M.O. They shrilly attack not just the reality of climate change, but the people who have committed their lives to studying it and drawing attention to it. Mark Steyn, a completely warped degenerate who libelled climate scientist Michael E. Mann, is a perfect example. Steyn compared Mann to Jerry Sandusky and (more relevant to the Mann's libel suit) called his work in developing the famous "hockey-stick graph" fraudulent. (It was actually a comparatively tame posting for Steyn, who is known for conducting himself like a rabid animal a vast majority of the time).

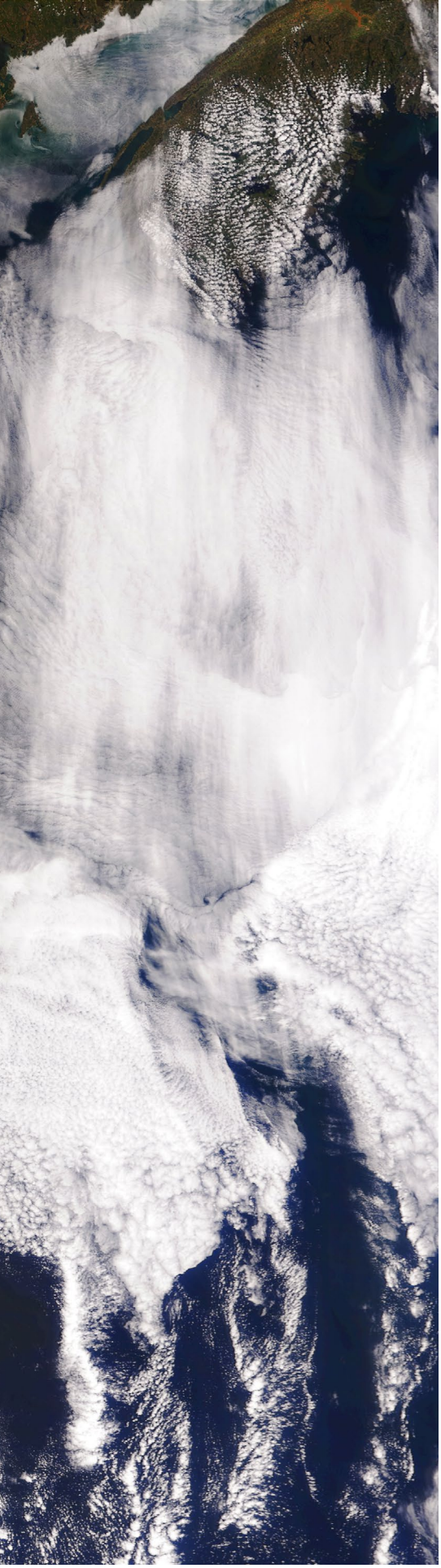
So it goes with run-of-the-mill denialists as well. Raw Story's David Edwards wrote an article back in July about "coal rollers," who,

in "protest" of proposed EPA regulations of carbon emissions, modify their trucks to spew large clouds of smoke through stacks installed on the trucks' beds. An anonymous seller of the smoke stacks exemplified the pathology and derangement of climate change denialists when he said, "You want clean air and a tiny carbon footprint? Well, screw you."

It requires some serious psychological damage to behave this way. I've often wondered how it is that people become so unhinged as to not only deny a scientific reality, but to become violently angry at those who acknowledge that reality. As I mentioned earlier, I had attempted to avoid any commentary from denialist circles about the People's Climate March, but I wound up catching Jon Stewart's coverage both of that event and of a Congressional hearing on climate change. There were the usually cringe-inducing clips of Congressmen (and they were all men at this hearing) wondering how it could be that, if our glasses don't overflow when the ice in them melts, the melting of the ice caps will raise sea levels. The most telling one, though, and the thing to which I trace denialists' derangement, came at the end, when one Congressman accused climate scientists of employing "fear tactics" by highlighting the dangers of climate change. Stewart latched onto this, saying that this position boils down to, "It's unfair to talk to us about the scientific or medical consequences of our actions because they're scary."

Stewart is right on the mark, and this is what I've long felt is at the root of denialists' lunacy. It is, in fact, scary to look at the impact that our pumping greenhouse gases into the atmosphere is having. It's scary to contemplate what the future holds if we do not slow our burning of fossil fuels. It's painful to acknowledge that our lifestyles and consumption habits contribute to this, and to realize that we have to sacrifice some of our luxuries in order to deal with this urgent problem. It's tempting to turn away from the problem, to pretend that it's not as severe as climatologists are telling us it is, and to listen to the soothing lies from denialist organizations like The Heart-





land Institute and American Enterprise Institute. But you know what? It's the fucking reality, and denying it makes you a coward.

This, I think, is the basis of climate change denialism: Cowardice. Denialists are afraid. Profoundly afraid. But rather than deal with their fears like human beings, they run away and deny that there's even a problem. And more than that, they become angry at people who discuss it, because they're such god damned pussies about facing reality that any reminder of it turns them into howling animals. They become enraged when faced with scientific reality. Climate change denialism isn't merely ignorance or a political position, it's a mental illness. Denialists are so afraid of reality that they behave irrationally, not only supporting policies that ensure the continued burning of fossil fuels (a problem from which it's easier to distance one's self), but poisoning the immediate air that they and their friends and families breathe, as the "coal rollers" do.

It's alternately pitiable and contemptible. People with mental illnesses are suffering and deserve help. But, unlike someone with a physiological disorder that results in mental illness, denialists elected to walk down that path by running away from reality. And, unlike most mentally-ill people who pose no threat to their communities and humanity at large, denialists are dragging the rest of us toward a global ecological meltdown, just because they're too cowardly to acknowledge reality. They represent an immediate danger to the rest of us, and need to be confronted as one.

Stasiu Nabozny

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Michelle Elizabeth

Hometown:
Whitby, ON Canada
Age: 23
Profession:
Model

I'm 23 year old Michelle from Whitby Ontario. I've been modeling since I was 16 and have been published with a few magazines. I believe hard work pays off when you have confidents and support behind you. I hope one day to be well-known. I'm a sweet girl with a love for animals and making others happy. I'm strong willed and I don't doubt one day I'll be where I want to be. I had a blast working and shooting with FGM and I hope to be able to do so again. The photographer and magazine people are amazing!

What's your favorite sport? What team?
Basketball The Raptors
What's your favorite movie?
Frozen
Who's your favorite actor?
Ryan Goslin
What's your favorite song?
Party In The U.S.A.
Who's your favorite artist?
Miley Cyrus
What was your first job?
McDonalds
Do you have any piercings or tattoos? How many and where?
I have one tattoo and pierced ears.
What's the most memorable pick up line you've ever heard?

What's one thing you think all men should know?
Chivalry is never dead

What qualities drive you wild in a man?
Confidence
What's your idea of the perfect date?
Staying in and watching a movie
How do we win your heart?
Food
On an average Saturday night, what are you doing?
Getting ready to go and have a good time.
If you could go on a date with one person, dead or alive, who would it be?
My Grandma
Which physical feature do you most often get complimented on?
My Height
What do you feel most comfortable wearing?
Tank top and jean shorts
How did you get started modeling?
I started when I was 16 with an Autumn shoot.
Who is your favorite model?
Candice Swanepoel

What's the most unusual place you've ever hooked up?

A Lighthouse

Do you have a favorite behind-the-scenes story from a photo shoot?
Every behinds the scenes is my favourite because I can just fun with it

Aside from modeling, what are you focusing on these days?
My relationship with my high school sweetheart

What would your fans be surprised to know about you?
I come off very shy, but once you get to know me I am very open.

When do you feel sexiest?

When I get out of the shower

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